



JETNet 43rd Event “International Undokai”

On October 19th, 2013, Nara JETNet held its 43rd event, “International Undokai”, at Sakurai city Shiba Undokoen Park. Nara JETNet is a committee which plans events to promote cultural exchange and understanding between the members of the JET Programme and the citizens of Nara Prefecture. The organizers of JETNet events are the 4 Coordinators of International Relations (CIR) working in the Nara Prefectural Government. The members of JETNet are the rest of the JET Programme participants located throughout Nara Prefecture.

For this event, we had 34 JETs and 17 Japanese participants from elementary to high school having fun playing games, doing sport and competing. Registration and opening ceremony were held on the multipurpose field at 10:15 AM. Afterwards, we played British Bulldog, then split up in to 2 different teams to play Capture the Flag.

Before lunch break, we split in to 4 teams for undokai: Yellow, Green, Red and Blue. The participants and JETs sat with their new teammates and enjoyed lunch together. At 12:45 PM, the rules were explained and the official undokai began. The afternoon consisted of 5 different international games: Kickball, Cricket, Dodge-ball, Le Béret and a relay race. Each team played these games against other teams once for points.

Although it rained a few times during the day, we were fortunate enough to finish all the games. After the final challenge, the relay race, the team with the most points was announced as the winner. The closing ceremony was held soon afterwards, and the participants filled out our surveys.

According to the surveys, the participants had a great time with the JETs and enjoyed playing all the new games. We hope to see everyone again at our next event!

